

REMARKS

The Final Rejection of March 18, 2010 has been carefully studied, noting the allowance of claims 17, 18, 20, 21, 23 and 26-30 and the allowability of claim 15 in independent form.

It is seen that claim 15 is now cancelled and added to independent claim 2 upon which it was dependent, thereby conferring patentability to claim 2 as well as those claims which are dependent thereon, namely claims 3, 4 and 5. Claim 2 is also amended to provide antecedent support for claim 5.

As to the rejection of claim 13 (support for amended claim 13 is found on page 8, lines 1-28 of the specification), the substance of allowable claim 15 is also introduced into this claim, rendering it allowable.

Rejected claims 19 and 22 are now cancelled. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims which were not withdrawn from consideration are allowable.

Request For Rejoinder

In view of the patentability of claim 2, and the fact that claims 6-12 are dependent thereon and merely add additional limitations to claim 2, it is respectfully requested that these claims be rejoined and allowed. Note that claim 11 is amended by cancelling "commercial" so as to avoid a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

As for withdrawn claims 1, 14 and 16, these claims are now cancelled since the rejoinder would not be possible because these claims are not coextensive with or not properly dependent on claim 2, Applicants reserving the right to file a divisional application directed to these claims under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Since it is Applicants intention to place the application in condition for allowance, if there are any unforeseen issues which prevent allowance, Applicants would be amenable to any corrections required by the Examiner. For this purpose, the Examiner is invited to telephone Counsel at the number indicated below. In the event Counsel is unavailable, please contact Ms. Richardson at 703-812-5326 and she will be pleased to enlist the services of another attorney.

In view of the amendments to the claims and the above remarks, favorable reconsideration is courteously requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

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